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SUBJECT: DENMARK AND THE EC 200-MILE POND

FROM RFA/EUROPE

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1. BEING SUMMARY. DENMARK SUPPORTS THE EC MOVE TO 200-MILE FISHERY ZONE, AND OPPOSES THE UK-IRISH PROPOSAL THAT THEY  
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BOTH HAVE A 50-MILE EXCLUSIVE FISHERIES ZONE. THE PROPOSAL

TO ESTABLISH EC INTERNAL FISHERIES POLICIES WILL RUN INTO LONG-HARD NEGOTIATING SESSIONS BUT DENMARK FEELS A CONCENSUS WILL BE REACHED. THE POSAL TO PHASE OUT THIRD COUNTRY FISHING RIGHTS IN EC ZONES HAS DENMARK CONCERNED THAT IT MIGHT LOSE ITS BALTIC FISHERIES. END SUMMARY.

2. DENMARK SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED MOVE BY THE EC TO EXTEND ITS FISHERIES ZONE TO 200 MILES BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT SUPPORTS AN EC POSITION WHICH WOULD PERMIT EACH COASTAL STATE TO HAVE NO MORE THAN A 12 MILE EXCLUSIVE ZONE. THE DANISH FISHING INDUSTRY IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE UK-IRISH PROPOSAL FOR AN UP TO 50 MILE EXCLUSIVE ZONE BECAUSE APPROXIMATELY 70 PERCENT OF THE DANISH FISH CATCH COMES FROM WITHIN 50 MILES OF THE U.K. SHOULD THE UK OBTAIN A 50 MILE ZONE, AND NOT LET THE DANISH FLEET INSIDE, THE DANISH FISHING INDUSTRY, AS IT IS STRUCTURED TODAY, WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO EXIST. PRESENTLY, THE EC POSITION IS THAT ALL COASTAL RESTRICTIONS WOULD BE LIFTED IN 1983 AND MEMBER STATES COULD THEN FISH RIGHT TO THE SHORE LINE. THERE ARE STILL SOME EC MEMBERS WHO REPORTEDLY WOULD PREFER THE ADOPTION OF THE NON-RESTRICTIVE POSITION IMMEDIATELY AS OPPOSED TO THE ADOPTION OF A 12-MILE EXCLUSIVE ZONE, WHICH WOULD BE PERMANENT.

3. HENRIK NETTERSTROM, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EC AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MATTERS, IN THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY, IS OF THE OPINION THAT AT THE UPCOMING OCTOBER 18TH MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S COUNCIL, THE COMMISSION PROPOSALS FOR A 200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE AND FOR GUIDELINES FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES, WILL PASS UNANIMOUSLY. HOWEVER, THE THIRD ITEM FOR DISCUSSION, WHICH WILL ESTABLISH PRINCIPLES FOR INTERNAL FISHERIES POLICIES AND INCLUDE THE MINIMUM FIGURE FOR EXCLUSIVE FISHERIES ZONES, WILL PROBABLY, OUR SOURCE BELIEVES, RUN INTO OPPOSITION FROM THE UK AND IRELAND. NETTERSTROM INDICATED HE WAS GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC THAT ULTIMATELY THE UK AND IRELAND WOULD HAVE TO ACCEDE TO THE WISHES OF THE COMMISSION. HE FEELS THAT THE PROMISE OF SPECIAL QUOTAS FOR UK AND IRELAND AND FUNDS FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FLEET MODERNIZATION WILL HELP TIP THE SCALES. HE INDICATED THAT WHEN THE UK CAME INTO THE EC, THE BRITISH UNDERSTOOD THAT AFTER A 10-YEAR MORATORIUM ALL EC WATERS WOULD BE OPEN TO THE MEMBERS EQUALLY; THEREFORE, HE DOES NOT HAVE MUCH SYMPATHY FOR THE UK'S OBJECTIONS AT THIS POINT.

4. THE DANES ARE CONCERNED WITH THE PROPOSAL TO GRADUALLY BAR FROM THE EC FISHERIES ZONE THIRD COUNTRY FLEETS WHICH

MIGHT WANT TO FISH THERE, BUT WHOSE OWN WATERS ARE OF LITTLE  
INTEREST TO EC FISHERMEN. IN PARTICULAR, THEY ARE WORRIED  
THAT SUCH ACTION MIGHT CAUSE THE EAST-BLOC NATIONS, WHICH  
BORDER THE BALTIC SEA, TO RETALIATE BY PROHIBITING THE  
DANISH BORNHOLM FLEET FROM FISHING IN THE BALTIC. THE  
BORNHOLM FLEET REGULARLY FISHES THE BALTIC FOR SALMON,  
COD AND HERRING. THE DANES HAVE NOT HAD, THUS FAR, ANY  
INDICATION THAT THE EAST-BLOC NATIONS WILL DECLARE 200-  
MILE FISHERY ZONES BUT THE EAST MIGHT TRY TO BARGAIN THE  
BALTIC AREA FOR ACCESS TO THE NORTHSEA OR TO GREENLAND'S  
ATERS. THEY ARE HOEPFUL THAT THROUGH THE BALTIC  
FISHEREIS COMMISSION THEY WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE FISHING  
RIGHTS IN THE AREA EVEN THOUGH QUOTAS MAY BE ESTABLISHED  
WHICH MIGHT REDUCE TOTAL CATCHES. HOEVER, AS MENTIONED  
ABOVE, THEY FEAR AN EASTAABLOC REACTION TO THE FORTHCOMING  
EC DEICIONS ON FISHERIES.

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